



- The Constitutional Court ruled that the Speaker of the National Assembly has the power to decide on a secret ballot for a motion of no confidence.
- The number of people receiving grants has increased by 328% in 15 years, while those with jobs increased by only 24%, says the latest SA Survey published by the South African Institute of Race Relations (IRR). In 2016, there were 15 545 000 people with jobs while 17 094 331 people were receiving social grants.
- Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa says true radical economic transformation must be implemented to address the imbalances of the past and to indicate a new phase of accelerated implementation of the long standing economic policy positions of the ANC and government.
- Absa said it is going to the High Court to fight Public Protector Busisiwe Mkhwebane's claim that it owes R1 125bn for its role in the early-1990s Bankorp bail-out. The bank said numerous misrepresentations and factual inaccuracies form the basis of the Public Protector's findings .
- Credit rating firm S&P Global warned South Africa that its rating could be cut deeper into junk territory if the government meddles with the independence of the Reserve Bank. A row over the Bank escalated after Public Protector Busisiwe Mkhwebane called for a change in the Bank's mandate to focus on growth more than maintaining currency and price stability. The ANC's treasurer-general says she overstepped her mandate.
- Cape Town is the only metro that received a clean audit in the 2015-2016 local government audit report. Auditor-general Kimi Makwetu said only Cape Town and 14 district municipalities had received clean audits.
- Home Affairs Minister Hlengiwe Mkhize failed to appear before the parliamentary portfolio committee on Tuesday to discuss the fast-tracked naturalisation of the Gupta family. This will now happen next Tuesday.
- Russian state-controlled energy group Rosatom is a contender for SA's nuclear expansion project and the country will award the contract by the end of the year, the South African Nuclear Energy Corporation (Necsa) said. SA is planning to build 9 600MW of nuclear capacity. Major nuclear firms from South Korea, France, the US and China are also interested in bidding for all or part of the contract.
- Parliament's public enterprises portfolio committee is going ahead with its inquiry into alleged irregularities at Eskom. It is the first parliamentary committee that will tackle the allegations of state capture emerging from leaked Gupta e-mails and the report on state capture by former public protector Thuli Madonsela.
- Parliament has been informed that it is unlikely that the independent power producer (IPP) contracts for the supply of renewable energy will be signed before next year, as the Integrated Resource Plan defining the pace and scale of new generation capacity, among other steps, would only be completed by February 2018.
- Eskom has submitted two names to Public Enterprises Minister Lynne Brown to consider for the position of CEO. Brown is expected to announce the candidates at Eskom's AGM today.
- Economic Freedom Fighters leader Julius Malema accused property owners of not doing enough to change property ownership patterns post-apartheid, but also encouraged them to join the fight against corruption. Addressing the SA Property Owners Association conference in Cape Town, he said property owners should shoulder some of the blame for sabotaging government policies aimed to alleviate poverty.
- Treasury has rejected claims of serious job losses resulting from the imposition of a health promotion levy. Industry has estimated that job losses across the value chain would number about 24 000, with 1 795 permanent and 2 835 seasonal jobs being lost in sugarcane farming. Cosatu's estimate is some 7 000 jobs.
- The Office of the Chief Procurement Officer received 5 647 queries about invoices unpaid by government departments, amounting to R620m, between 1 July 2016 and 31 March 2017. Government departments and state-owned entities are obliged to pay suppliers within 30 days.
- Allegations of sexual assault are no longer restricted to a 20-year time limit, the High Court ruled on Monday. Eight alleged victims of the late stockbroker Sidney Frankel have won their case to change the legislation.
- Thousands of nursing students across SA must rewrite their bridging course examinations after it emerged that question papers were leaked.
- SARS says criminals are now smuggling fewer but more high-value items across the SA's borders as a result of crackdowns by customs officers. Fewer goods were seized in the first six months of 2017 compared with first-half 2016, but the value of those goods increased from nearly R650m to more than R1bn.
- An apparent lack of financial support for forensic pathology officers by the health department is one of the main reasons for the strike at eight of Gauteng's mortuaries. About 180 forensic assistants are on strike.
- Consumer inflation remained within the Reserve Bank's 3%-6% target range in May, with the consumer price index (CPI) increasing to 5.4%, from 5.3% in April.